

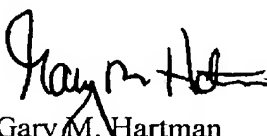
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**Closing**

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the finality of the rejection, and respectfully request reconsideration of the claim rejection based on the references of record.

Should the Examiner have any questions with respect to any matter now of record, Applicants' representative may be reached at (219) 462-4999.

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